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1. PLAISANT (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE)
GAVE US FIRST GOF BRIEFING FEBRUARY 19 CONCERNING
FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT NEAR NICE. PLAISANT WAS PRESENT
FOR SAUVAGNARGUES/GENSCHER MEETINGS BUT SAID THAT HE DID
NOT PARTICIPATE IN TWO PRIVATE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS (THAT
HE KNOWS OF) BETWEEN GISCARD AND SCHMIDT, NOR IN PRIVATE
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LUNCH THEY HAD EARLY IN COURSE OF SUMMIT. WHILE PLAISANT

SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS BETWEEN GISCARD AND SCHMIDT, HE SAID THEY "PROBABLY" ADDRESSED NUMBER OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AS WELL AS CURRENT POLITICAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE (TINDEMANS REPORT, DIRECT ELECTION OF EC PARLIAMENT, AND APPORTIONMENT OF EC PARLIAMENTARY SEATS AMONG EC-NINE). HE "DOUBTED" THAT THEY DISCUSSED SECURITY ISSUES. FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXPANDS ON SEPARATE REPORT IN REF C AND PERTAINS ONLY TO SAUVAGNARGUES/GENSCHER MEETINGS.

2. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: PLAISANT SAID THAT SAUVAGNARGUES PROPOSED TO GENSCHER THAT FRENCH AND GERMANS INTENSIFY ACTIONS TO INTEREST THEIR BUSINESSMEN IN EXPANDING THEIR EFFORTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES. THRUST OF FRENCH PROPOSAL SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO ENCOURAGE DIRECT INVESTMENT OF PRIVATE EUROPEAN CAPITAL IN ARAB COUNTRIES AND TRANSFER OF EUROPEAN MANAGERIAL EXPERTISE TO ARAB COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO PLAISANT, GERMANS WERE "RECEPTIVE." PLAISANT SAID FRENCH HAD TOLD GERMANS IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO LISTEN TO ARABS IF THEY RAISE "POLITICAL DIMENSION" AND THAT EUROPEAN ANSWER "SHOULD NOT BE COMPLETELY NEGATIVE," A MORE NUANCED VIEW THAN WE REPORTED IN REF C, BUT MORE EXPANSIVE THAN REPORTED IN REF D.

3. GREECE: BOTH SIDES SEEMED PLEASED WITH MORE FORTHCOMING STANCE ADOPTED BY EC COUNCIL ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE AIMED AT EVENTUAL GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN EC.

4. ANGOLA: PLAISANT CONFIRMED REPORTS IN REFS C AND D THAT FRENCH HAD CALLED FOR ILL-FATED MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG TO DISCUSS MPLA RECOGNITION ISSUE, ALTHOUGH HE CLAIMED FRENCH HAD EARLIER INFORMED EC ALLIES AT SAME TIME THEY INFORMED US.
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